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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CATHY A. CATTERSON U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

GAVINO ZARAGOZA.

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 02-30349

D.C. No. CR-01-00455-ALH

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Oregon Ancer L. Haggerty, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted October 6, 2003**
Seattle, Washington

Before: **D.W. NELSON**, **KOZINSKI** and **McKEOWN**, Circuit Judges.

Assuming that the use of physical restraints at Zaragoza's sentencing hearing and during his allocution was error, such error was harmless. Williams v.

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^{**} This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Woodford, 306 F.3d 665, 689 (9th Cir. 2002); <u>United States</u> v. <u>Mack</u>, 200 F.3d 653, 657 (9th Cir. 2000).

Nor was Zaragoza denied equal protection. The use of restraints was "intimately related to the State's legitimate interest in maintaining custody during the proceeding[] and thus did not offend the Equal Protection Clause by arbitrarily discriminating against those unable to post bail or to whom bail had been denied." Holbrook v. Flynn, 475 U.S. 560, 572 (1986).

AFFIRMED.